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BURKE TELCON WITH WILCOX AND ROUSSO

PARIS FOR ROUSSO AND HEMILY FROM FRIEDMAN

1. AEC AND DEPT. HAD CONCURRED IN PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF CREST AND EXPANSION OF FUNCTIONS TO INCLUDE R& D ON NON- REACTOR FACILITIES AND LICENSING ACTIVITIES. STATE'S 054341 SHOULD READ THAT " WE SUPPORT BROADENING OF COMMITTEE MANDATE" RATHER THAN " WE SUGGEST BROADENING OF COMMITTEE MANDATE". SUPPORT OF EXPANDED SCOPE DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY COMMIT AN INCREASE IN AEC PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES ALTHOUGH WE BOTH AGREE THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION WOULD BE MUTUALLY USEFUL.

2. CREST AS PROPOSED TO BE EXPANDED IN 1973 ANNUAL

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MEETING (OR CSNI) PROVIDES MEANS FOR AEC TO COMMUNICATE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF NUCLEAR SAFETY AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS OF LEADING NON- SOVIET NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY COUNTRIES. THIS IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO US, DESPITE TIGHT FOREIGN TRAVEL BUDGET, TO MAKE STRONG EFFORTS TO ATTEND ANNUAL PLENARY MEETINGS. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE INDICATED DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE ONLY ONE ANNUAL PLENARY MEETING, AS UNCLUTTERED WITH UNNECESSARY DETAILS AS POSSIBLE, AND

TO INCLUDE SEPARATE SEQUENTIAL TECHNOLOGY AND REGULATORY SESSIONS.

3. CREST SPECIALISTS MEETINGS WHICH NOW EXPECTED TO INCLUDE OCCASIONAL REGULATORY SPECIALISTS SESSIONS, OFTEN OFFER OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AEC EXPERTS TO CONFER WITH FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS ON IMPORTANT, RELATIVELY NARROW ISSUES. REG WILL ATTEMPT TO SEND AEC EXPERTS FOR A PORTION, BUT NOT ALL SPECIALISTS MEETINGS. EARLY, EXACT DATES AND PLACES OF FUTURE SPECIALISTS MEETINGS WILL GREATLY AID PLANNING AND ABILITY TO BE REPRESENTED BY STATE- SIDE EXPERTS.

4. AS EXPANDED PROGRAM RELATES TO LICENSING AND NON- REACTOR AREA, RDT IS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED. RDT WILL CONTINUE CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN ANY CREST MEETING ON CASE- BY- CASE BASIS.

5. MARTIN BILES, USAEC(DOS), PLANS VISITING NEA IN MID- MAY AND WILL HAVE PRELIMINARY EXPLORATORY CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING BROADENED BASE OF CREST TO POSSIBLY INCLUDE R& D NON- REACTOR FACILITIES SUCH AS FUEL FABRICATION PLANTS, CHEMICAL REPROCESSING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES. HE PLANS DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR OFFICE PRIOR TO VISITING NEA.

6. IF MEMBERS AND NEA STAFF EXPECT GREATER AEC PARTICIPATION THAN DESCRIBED ABOVE, PLEASE CORRECT THESE IMPRESSIONS AS TACTFULLY AS POSSIBLE. RUSH

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